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FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Letter dated 21 April 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Hungary and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to you the text of the joint declaration by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Hungary and Ukraine on ensuring protection of the rights of national minorities, issued on 4 April 1992.

We request that you have the text of this letter and of its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 69 and 98 (b) of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Joint declaration of 4 April 1992 by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Hungary and Ukraine on ensuring protection of the rights of national minorities

Having reviewed the situation in Europe, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Hungary and Ukraine have expressed their profound concern at the continuing hostilities in south-east Europe and in the Dniester region of the Republic of Moldova.

Particular anxiety is caused in Ukraine and Hungary by the fact that these conflicts are accompanied by flagrant and large-scale violations of fundamental human rights and freedoms, including the rights of national minorities and the foremost human right: the right to life. Blood is being shed, peaceful citizens are being killed and the number of refugees is growing.

Hungary and Ukraine are worried about the fate of the peaceful population living in the conflict areas, including the Hungarian and Ukrainian national minorities, as well as other minorities in the area of hostilities.

The heads of the departments for foreign affairs bodies of Hungary and Ukraine appeal to the parties to the conflict to ensure strict observance of the universally accepted principles and standards of international law concerning the protection of human rights, including the rights of the national minorities living in their territories.